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Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine - Minutes

FRIDAY, October 18, 2019 9:00AM to 3:15 PM MDT

Idaho State Department of Agriculture Building
2270 Old Penitentiary Rd, Boise, ID 83712
Conference Rooms A & B

In attendance: Matt Dredge, DVM - Liaison Officer
Billy Maupin, DVM - President
Rob Pierce, DVM Vice-President
Jeff Heins, DVM - Member
Wayne Cutler, DVM – Member
Kathy Simpson - Public Member
Jeremy Brown - Executive Director
Karen Sheehan - Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel
Leslie Hayes/Dayton Reed - Deputy Attorneys General (during hearing)
Dr. Samuel Thomas, DVM (during hearing)

Dr. Billy Maupin, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Dr. Samuel Thomas Hearing (Reed)

Time was set aside at the beginning of the meeting for the Board to hear Case No. DVM 19-24, Samuel Thomas, DVM, License No. V-5113. Dr. Thomas represented himself. Leslie Hays and Dayton Reed, Deputy Attorneys General prosecuted the case. After hearing arguments on both sides, the Board deliberated. Dr. Pierce made a motion to grant an unrestricted probationary license to Dr. Thomas until the Board's next renewal period, which is June 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Dr. Heins. A roll-call vote was unanimous, motion passed.

2. Executive Session: Section 74-206(f) Communicate with legal counsel (Reed/Sheehan)

A motion was made by Dr. Heins to declare an emergency amendment of the agenda to include the executive session as an Action Item. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pierce. A roll-call vote was unanimous to move to Executive Session. The Board entered executive session at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Heins motioned the Board to adjourn the executive session and return to the open meeting. Dr. Pierce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to the open meeting at 11:30 a.m.

3. Proposed FY 2021 budget (Brown)

Executive Director Brown informed the Board he had met with the Governor's staff and Department of Fiscal Management (DFM). The budget showed a fee increase as well as a \$10,000 increase to the Executive Director's salary. However, the Governor's staff suggested the Board

amend it to remove the salary increase from the budget. Mr. Brown has not heard back from the Department of Human Resources issue.

- Revenue for last year was \$248,000. That is a slight increase.
- This next fiscal year is expected to be about the same. There may be a small, initial decrease due to the fee increase.
- There was a small increase in the number of applications. There were 124, about a dozen more than the previous year.
- Cash balance is \$343,000 minus the remaining appropriation of \$35,000 for computer system.

May go with DocuSign as a possible option to another laptop. Mr. Brown will check into use of personal computers vs state owned laptops.

Motion to approve budget pending the one amendment was made by Dr. Heins. Seconded by Dr. Pierce. Vote was taken and the motion passed.

4. Fee Rule (Brown/Sheehan)

—Ms. Sheehan explained the rules need to go from proposed to pending. Public comment period is 21 days, until October 23rd. No public comments received as of time of this meeting.

Motion was made by Dr. Heins to adopt the proposed rules with no changes, contingent on no substantial comments criticizing the proposed rules received after October 18, 2019 and ratify the Executive Director's action to have them published as pending rules in the next available edition of Idaho's Administrative Bulletin. Seconded by Dr. Pierce. Vote was taken, motion passed.

5. Omnibus adoption (Brown/Sheehan)

Discussion on changes and reduction of wording of rules. Motion by Dr. Pierce to approve changes to rules of Idaho BOVM as modified and delegate to the Executive Director to continue the omnibus rule promulgation process. Seconded by Dr. Heins. Vote was taken and the motion was passed.

6. Public Issue discussion (Brown)

Idaho BOVM received a letter from a Veterinary Technician, Ramona Crane, regarding the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America's, (NAVTA), advocacy for the Veterinary Nurse Initiative, (VNI), basically, changing the title of Veterinary Technician to Veterinary Nurse. Executive Director looking for direction from the Board on how to respond. The Board's stance is that Idaho BOVM is not going to take a stance on this issue, and that it is something to be decided by NAVTA.

A letter was also received from Dr. Alan Chastain DVM from New Mexico, regarding Lasix for race horses, and third-party veterinarians. The basic question is does a third-party veterinarian violate the valid Client-Patient relationship. After discussion, direction from the Board was for the Executive Director to check with the Racing Commission and do more research before responding to the letter.

7. eLITE System review (Brown)

Executive Director Brown met with programmer to make some alterations to the log-in page and the Continuing Education (CE) entry section of eLITE program and software. There was some discussion regarding what is acceptable, the volume and methodology of CE. The decision was made to table this issue until 2020.

8. Review and approve minutes from June 21, 2019 Board meeting and tele-meetings in July, August and September.

Motion by Dr. Heins to approve minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Dr. Pierce. Motion passed.

9. AAVSB and FARB meeting (Heins/Brown/Sheehan)

Mr. Brown and Dr. Heins gave a recap of the AAVSB meeting held in St. Louis in September.

- There is a push for a standardized repository for data. At this point, it's still voluntary, but that could change in the future.
- A group from the UK has introduced a telemedicine program for diagnosis and disease. It appears to be very scientific and will be interesting to observe its progress.
- There was discussion of possible consolidation of Boards. Kansas case example: Board absorbed by larger agency; however, inefficiencies, no discernable savings, and poorer customer service resulted in the Kansas Board becoming independent again.

Ms. Sheehan gave a recap of the FARB conference held in St. Louis in September.

10. Updates from Executive Director. (Brown)

a. New Board members

Executive Director Brown has contacted a few possibilities, eliminated some and remains hopeful on others, but no confirmed names at this time.

b. Update from COHE meeting

Cheryl Griffin is doing a great job with COHE. There are two new members, from Boise and Pocatello. Training Dr. Anders from Moscow and Dr. Mackin from Idaho Falls.

c. Office policy and procedures reviews

Small change to Public Records Requests. As referenced in Section 74.103, response to public records requests must be in three (3) working days, but an agency can request an extension of up to ten (10) days.

A motion was made by Dr. Maupin to approve the Public Records Request policy as amended today. Seconded by Dr. Heins. Motion passed.

d. Determine dates for Idaho BOVM 2020 meetings

Board meetings are scheduled for February 7, 2020, April 10, 2020, June 19, 2020 and October 9, 2020.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

William Maupin, DVM, President

Date

Robert Pierce, DVM, Vice President

Date

Jeffrey Heins, DVM

Date

Wayne Cutler, DVM

Date